Dear Paul,

12/24/81

In 603 p.1 you ask about the verdict of history re the accoustical matter. Once again I emphasize the importance of examining all such evidence in a context, of the other evidence. HSCA was corrupt and dishonest and made a mess of the corpus delicti and therefore could not use it with the accoustical work. Because it didn't the subsequent investigation won't, except, perhaps, to quote HSCA back to it. And the critics have made the same mistake. So the verdict of history will be deficient whatever this panel reports. (Why Gary Mack and Earl Golz made no use of the info they got in the long affidavit I left Earl have I don't know. Gary never told me of his Jackson interview, which is mentioned in TCL. Rather unusual.)

You say you have the Vaughan-Barber "report." If it is not too long I'd like to read it, thanks.

On p. 3 you say there is a real possibility of Congressional hearings on the panel's report. Can you tell me more about thosepossible hearings? Whose?

Clinton witnesses: I spent a morning in the same room with them, before the jury was empanelled, and I regarded them as solid. But I can't solve the mystery, except that I doubt Oswald had any Banister connection.

In the clipping list I'd appreciate copies of 567,8 and 9, 576, 588, 610 & 619.

Item 572 you ask for ideas for research in the Ford archive. His connections with the FBI and the executive sessions. The FBI had the 1/21 one although it wasn't typed up, supposedly. His main contact was with Deloach.

588 is trouble and the irresponsibility behind the story deserves it, I regret to think. Even if I'm sorry for Fonzi. I'm interested in anything about that suit.

Not much new here. No new docs of any significance except some on the King case, which do not interest you. However, I should be getting more from Dallas and New Orleans.

Thanks for the holiday greetings. Our plans for Xmas, tomorrow, were cancelled by the illness of the hostess. Our tonight's Xmas eve will, I hope, not be an adventure. We usually go to the home of a local professor who, with his wife, are close friends. But to get into their home is about 8 steps and Jill sprained her ankle 10 days ago. She's not attempted steps yet.

Hope you all have a good year-